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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

**Sir:**

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of September 9, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2003-316187.

A certified copy of Japanese patent application 2003-316187 will be submitted when received from Applicants. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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